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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, KS, US

SUBJECT: EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY  
POSTURE IN PACIFIC

REF: SEOUL 6929

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1. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ONLY, PRM 10 (NOT 24) IS  
REVIEW OF U.S. WORLDWIDE STRATEGY AND FORCE POSTURE. IT  
INCLUDES NUMBER OF ILLUSTRATIVE POLICY OPTIONS FOR U.S.  
DEFENSE POSTURE IN PACIFIC AREA, TWO OF WHICH WERE REFERRED  
TO IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN CITED  
REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LOW LEVEL QUERY FROM ROK EMBASSY ON WHETHER U.S. WAS DRAWING ASIAN DEFENSE LINE WHICH EXCLUDED ROK. WE PLAN TELL EMBASSY, AND YOU SHOULD TELL FONOFF, THAT WITH CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION USG HAS UNDERTAKEN NUMBER OF POLICY REVIEWS INCLUDING FORCE POSTURE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN OUR FORCE DEPLOYMENTS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC BEYOND THE GROUND COMBAT FORCE WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA, WHICH HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED WITH ROKG. IN REGARD TO THE ROK, PRESIDENT'S RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK CLEARLY STATES OUR POLICY OF CONTINUED FIRM COMMITMENT TO KOREAN SECURITY.

3. IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERIES WITH REGARD TO KOREA AND ON "REDUCED BASELINE PRESENCE" WE PLAN FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

QUOTE: WE DO NOT COMMENT ON INTERNAL USG STUDIES. WE WILL MAINTAIN A STRONG MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC. WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN OUR FORCE DEPLOYMENTS IN THE AREA BEYOND THOSE PLANNED FROM KOREA. AS PRESIDENT CARTER SAID IN HIS JULY 21 LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK, 'OUR GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL PLANS SIGNIFY NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES REMAINS FULLY IN FORCE, AND OUR DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE PROMPT SUPPORT TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DEFEND AGAINST ARMED ATTACK, IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY, REMAINS FIRM AND UNDIMINISHED'  
END QUOTE

4. EMBASSY MAY USE FOREGOING TO ANSWER ANY QUERIES. YOU SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT REGARDING THE USG CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE ROK. VANCE

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